

POLICY BULLETIN

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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**SUBJECT: Reauthorization 2004: Communications Concerning
Verification Activities**

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In memorandum SP 06-09, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) described the requirement that communications with households regarding application, certification and verification procedures for free and reduced price school meals be provided in languages that are understandable to parents and guardians. This requirement is found in section 9(b)(8) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The FNS would also like to remind and stress to Local Education Agencies (LEA) that this requirement includes verification materials and statements concerning the use or disclosure of information, including the use of social security numbers. In addition, to the maximum extent practicable, any direct communication with parents or guardians must be in a language they can understand.

To assist LEAs with providing communications in other languages, the FNS has submitted the prototype application and related materials to a contractor for translation. The FNS requested input from State Agencies through our Regional Offices, and the following are the languages into which the prototype application and related materials will be translated:

Russian	Vietnamese	Chinese (Mandarin)
Japanese	Serbo-Croatian	Arabic
Korean	Somali	Cambodia/Khmer
French	Hmong	Haitian Creole
Laotian	Polish	Portuguese
Sudanese	Thai	Urdu
Hindu	Kurdish	Farsi
Greek	Samoan	Tagalog

Please note that the Spanish translation of the prototype application is already available on our website, and as these additional translations are completed during April, the National Office will be making them available at

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/FRP/frp.process.htm>

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